THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The complaints are of a general nature and Delhi Development Authority is looking into this.

(b) and (c) While there is no specific complaint regarding proper levelling in any particular drain, at a few places, inter-connection of drains and their connection with outflowing drains still remain to be completed resulting in non-disposal of water.

There is a stay order from the court of law against execution of drainage work to connect it with the outflowing drains. The remaining works are expected to be completed during the current financial year.

Research in mushroom cultivation by D. R. D. O. for the growers

1438. SHRI F.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the achievements made by the Defence Research and Development Organisation in the field of mushroom cultivation have been made available to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute ;

(b) whether these have been published in form of some document, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to make it accessible in published form; and

(d) whether the necessary know-how in mushroom cultivation is proposed to be provided to the intending growers if so, in what manner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected from Defence Research and Development Organisation and will be placed on the table of the House.

(d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been financing research schemes on mushroom cultivation since 1961. The Council has now established a National Centre for Mushroom Research and Training at Solan in Himachal Pradesh and has also set up an All India Coordinated Mushroom Improvement Project operating at six centres viz., Kalyani (West Bengal) Kanpur and Pantnagar (U.P.), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), Ludhiana (Punjab) and Pune (Maharashtra). The National Centre conducts research on all aspects of mushroom production and post-harvest technology and imparts training to scientists, extension workers and growers. Such a training is also given at the six Coordinated Centres. The improved technology is also disseminated through radio talks, extension bulletins and exhibitions organised by these centres.

Removal of a news reader by Doordarshan

1439 PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a popular news reader have been dispensed with by Doordarshan because of his dark complexion; and

(b) if so, what are the qualifications and consideration for being selected as news readers of Doordarshan ?